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**To:** [Hohm, Janelle \(DEQ\)](#); [Nightingale, Elizabeth](#); [Baranowski, Michael \(DEQ\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Hickman, Cheryl](#); [Peaceman, Karen](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Alreco - Reynolds documentation?  
**Date:** Thursday, July 10, 2014 8:29:19 AM

We have the following records at Record Center for this site, originally noted as Reynolds Metal-Alreco:

Berrien	Ace Co LLC, Compliance, MIR20P064 (Industrial Storm Water Permit)	900 Alreco Road	Benton Harbor	5/14/1997	11/21/1997
Berrien	Ace Co LLC, Compliance, MI0028565 (Individual Permit-not sure about the particulars. Records from Record Center would contain this information)	900 Alreco Road	Benton Harbor	1/5/1994	3/24/1999
Berrien	Ace Co LLC, Permit, MI0028565 (Individual Permit-not sure about the particulars. Records from Record Center would contain this information)	900 Alreco Road	Benton Harbor	1/5/1994	4/19/1999

And have a current file Industrial Storm Water File (MIS310576) from 2006 – current.

If you would like copies of these records, please let me know and we can get them scanned and have you pull them from the DEQ FTP site.

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**To:** Nightingale, Elizabeth; Baranowski, Michael (DEQ)  
**Cc:** McIntyre, Cheryl; Peaceman, Karen; Mercs, Deana (DEQ)  
**Subject:** RE: Alreco - Reynolds documentation?

Hi Betsy-

Water Resources Division is not likely to have anything going back that far. Our file retention schedules have changed, so I'm copying our secretary Deana Mercs to check with her. We definitely wouldn't have this at the office, and I doubt we still have anything at records center, but I'll let Deana respond.

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**Cc:** McIntyre, Cheryl; Peaceman, Karen  
**Subject:** RE: Alreco - Reynolds documentation?

Hi Mike and Janelle,

Does DEQ have any further documentation regarding the involvement of Reynolds Metals Company in this site? We have the summary of what was in the DEQ database about them buying it and refurbishing it in 1982 under the name of ALRECO. Do you happen to have any more info about that or documentation?

Thank you!

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**From:** Nightingale, Elizabeth  
**Sent:** Monday, July 7, 2014 4:15 PM  
**To:** Hohm, Janelle (DEQ); Baranowski, Michael (DEQ)  
**Subject:** RE: Alreco - area on city water?

Perfect. Thank you!

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**From:** Hohm, Janelle (DEQ) [<mailto:JHohm@michigan.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 07, 2014 12:13 PM  
**To:** Nightingale, Elizabeth; Baranowski, Michael (DEQ)  
**Subject:** RE: Alreco - area on city water?

Hi Betsy-

I spoke with the Benton Charter Township office. Although the property is in the City of Benton Harbor, I decided to start with the township since I saw the "Benton Charter Township" manhole covers during my site visit.

The site is served by the township drinking water system, although it is located in the city. The township's water intake is from Lake Michigan, and the pipe is a mile and a half from the shore.

The groundwater from the facility likely vents into the Paw Paw River, which is adjacent to the property. I'm not aware of any wells or water intakes that would be affected.

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**Sent:** Monday, July 07, 2014 10:04 AM  
**To:** Hohm, Janelle (DEQ); Baranowski, Michael (DEQ)  
**Subject:** RE: Alreco - area on city water?

Hi Janelle – No worries.

If it is relatively easy for you to do that would be great. The main thing I'm trying to determine would be if releases from the site might have the potential to impact the drinking water from wells of anyone that is nearby, and /or the surface water intake for the municipal system.

I have to have a draft plan completed by the end of the day today, so I'd need to know by then, if possible. If you don't have time, it's no problem.

Thank you!

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**Sent:** Monday, July 07, 2014 10:00 AM  
**To:** Nightingale, Elizabeth; Baranowski, Michael (DEQ)  
**Subject:** RE: Alreco - area on city water?

Hi Betsy-

Sorry I wasn't able to respond sooner. I had to leave work last Tuesday since my son was ill, then was out in the field and on AL for the last part of the week.

We saw manholes at the site labelled "Benton Charter Township". The site is in the City of Benton Harbor, but is adjacent to Benton Charter Twp. Most of the City is across the river, so it would make sense that the facility is served by the township utilities. I believe the site is served by water and sewer. Do you want me to look into this further?

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**Subject:** Alreco - area on city water?

Hi guys - I am working on writing up a proposed action to address this site, so I keep having questions today - sorry - I can't remember if I asked you this already and can't remember the answer - Janelle - this the area around the site generally on city water, that you know of?

Hope all is well.

Thanks,

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**Sent:** Friday, June 13, 2014 4:06 PM  
**To:** Nightingale, Elizabeth  
**Cc:** Sanders, Jerrod (DEQ); Kirk, Audrie (DEQ)  
**Subject:** Ace Co LLC, MISS10576.pptx

Hi Betsy-

Thank you for the information you forwarded regarding the Alreco/Ace facility in Benton Harbor. My co-worker Audrie Kirk visited the facility on June 4, 2014, and found that the ash piles are migrating throughout the site. The owner responded to DEQ's Violation Notice, and committed to covering all ash piles with tarps, or other impermeable covers by April 30. He also agreed to install catch basin inserts in all catch basins within vicinity of the ash piles. At the time of Audrie's visit, the ash piles remained uncovered. Only one of the several storm drains in the vicinity of the ash piles contained a storm water insert.

WRD and the other divisions are currently coordinating an follow-up enforcement response.

Please see the attached powerpoint, which documents site conditions. We feel that an immediate response is warranted.

Thanks,

Janelle Hohm